

REMARKS

By the Office Action of April 22, 2008, all the claims in the application, 51-63 and 65-77, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner takes the position that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In particular, the Examiner notes “The original disclosure does not support ‘a computer-readable medium for simultaneously storing video program source material at two different compression ratios’ as now claimed.”

By this amendment, claim 51 has been amended to define “computer-readable medium for simultaneously storing the video program source material at two different compression ratios”, as opposed to the previous claim language which defined “a computer-readable medium for simultaneously storing the video program source material at two different compression ratios.” This amendment clarifies that claims 51 and its dependent claims are not directed to a single computer-readable medium for simultaneously storing video program source material at two different compression ratios, but rather computer-readable media for performing the storage. As originally drafted the claim might be interpreted as being limited to a single medium for simultaneously storing the video program source material at two different compression ratios. The intention of the undersigned attorney was to claim storage media for accomplishing that task, which could include two separate media.

Claim 65 does not need amendment as it already defines the step of “...simultaneously recording the source material in digitally compressed form at two different compression ratios ...” and thus is clearly not limited to recording them both on a single medium.

The specification, as filed, clearly supports that at the time the application was filed the inventors had possession of an invention related to computer-readable media for simultaneously storing video program source material at two different compression ratios. Column 2, lines 52-59 discloses:

A method of producing a final video program according to the invention therefore includes the steps of providing program source materials in first and second digital formats, the first format being characterized in having a higher data compression ratio than the second; recording the materials in the first and second formats, respectively, onto first and second removable storage media along with correlated edit-time-code information in each case

The specification, at column 3, lines 34-43 states:

The internal video recording facilities are comprised of two parts. First, a lower data-compression-ratio digital audio/video signal is recorded on a stationary-head or rotary-head digital data tape recorder (such as quarter-inch cartridge, half-inch cartridge, DAT, 6-mm or 8-mm) in the removable-tape transport 18, intended for utilization in an off-line video editing system, described herein below. Simultaneously, a second digital audio/video signal having a higher data-compression ratio is recorded on a removable storage media unit 20.

This description refers to Figure 1 of the drawings wherein the storage media are formed as part of the camera.

It is respectfully submitted that these sections make it clear that the original disclosure supports "computer-readable medium for simultaneously storing the video program source material at two different compression ratios" as now claimed.

Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully solicited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 07-1180.

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